



**1114th meeting of the
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**
7:30PM Wednesday February 25, 2008
Building C, Fort Mason
San Francisco, California

Mexican Tokens
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Please join us Wednesday, February 25 to hear *Jerry Schimme*, tell us about Mexican tokens.

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1113th meeting. What have they done to my coins, Ma! Herb Miles

Herb, under short notice, had agreed to present a program originally shown at the Fremont Coin Club meeting in 2007.

Over the years, Herb has accumulated a number of counter-struck, holed, damaged, engraved, and otherwise mangled coins and tokens, many with interesting stories to tell.

Many of us know about the Chinese chopped silver dollar sized coins, but there are many other man-made adjustments to small pieces of copper, nickel, silver and gold.

Some of the most interesting are the Australian convict love tokens engraved by those being sent "down under" for being a debtor or worse; the Anguilla "Liberty Dollars" of 1967 from a small Caribbean island; the many "love tokens" or engraved messages on 19th century dimes, quarters, etc; the advertising pieces, e.g. "Lloyd's Weekly Newspaper" on English large pennies, and the bracelets made from Australian, Mexican, English, and Guatemalan coins that sometimes tell where the maker traveled or sent a longing message to a loved one.

And, of course, there are the unknown pieces that defy description and interpretation, cut-out coins, random initials, holes for no apparent reason, elongates to celebrate an event or function, and nature damaged, i.e., fire, burial, acid.

All in all, the attendees enjoyed viewing the accumulation.

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January 2009 Exhibits

Jerry brought some early counter-stamped San Francisco pieces, one from the famous shooting of James King of William on Montgomery & Commercial streets supposedly from the Blue Wing Saloon ; an 1869 dime counter-stamped(here is repeated the word "dime" dime; an 1880 O half dollar; an 1861 25 cent pieces with the reverse planed and 903 Kearny Street engraved on it; and an 1891 dime with 811 ½ Kearny engraved on it; all early SF pieces.

Steve brought his latest acquisition, another Lire piece from the Kingdom of Venice, but this 1848 Banco de Venezia paper note is for 100 Lire (approximately 5 \$20 gold pieces); a wonderful find!

Katz exhibited his 1803 very good Large Cent and another Large Cent from 1814 with a prominent scratch.

Whalen brought his Seated 1873 with arrows double die obverse dime, a very nice variety and very pricey!

Scott exhibited another of his magnificent collection of Belgian Congo coins, this one a finest known 1888/7 5 Centimes graded MS 66 brown by PCGS!

Federico brought an envelope that came from the coffee growers who also made tokens, a nice addition to his collection, a new coffee token and a photo of a coffee manufacturing plant.

No January raffle was held as the raffle chairman was out of town.

Future meetings:

March 25: Federico Castillo or Michael Wehner

April 22: Jeff Shevlin "The 1894 California Midwinter Exposition"

May 27: Whalen, TBA

June ? : Banquet

July 22: ?

August 26: ?

September 23: ?

October 28: ?

November 25: ?

December ? : Annual Xmas Party!

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The Old Streets of San Francisco, Early Street Names on Some Brass Tokens by

Jerry F. Schimmel. Published by the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society in 1993. 41 pages including many pictures. A must have reference for those interested in western trade tokens or San Francisco history. \$10 plus postage